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Product Safety and Regulatory Affairs

May 11, 2004

Mike Leavitt, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 1473
Merrifield, VA 22116

Re: HPV Chemical Challenge Program, Amendment of Commitment on CAS No. 112629

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Dear Mr. Leavitt:

Crompton Corporation on 22 December 1999 informed you that it was sponsoring CAS No. 112629 under the HPV Chemical Challenge Program as follows:

CAS Number	Chemical Name	Start Year Date	Consortia/Panel
112629	9-Octadecenoic acid (9Z)-, methyl ester	2001	Soap and Detergent Association (SDA) Methyl Ester

Through this letter, we are informing you that Crompton Corporation will no longer sponsor CAS No. 112629 under the EPA HPV Challenge Program. On July 1, 2002 Crompton Corporation sold our interest in this chemical. That interest is currently owned by Akzo Nobel b.v., and we are therefore not able to continue to support this chemical in the HPV Challenge Program.

Crompton's commitment for the remaining CAS Nos. listed in our 22 December 1999 letter to you remains intact.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (203) 573-2219. My fax number is (203) 573-4531.

Sincerely yours,

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